(ii) State Governments have been advised to strengthen vigilance and intensify patrolling around the Tiger Reserves; and

(iii) Steps have been iniciated to set up a special Strike Force in the project Tiger Areas.

(iv) Special schemes for protection and conservation of tigers, elephants and rhinos and their habitate are being implemented.

(v) A network of Wildlife Sanctuaries and National Parks has been set up for conservation of wild flora and fauna. Financial assistance is provided by the Central Government for development of National Parks and Sanctuaries on request from the State Governments.

(vi) International trade in endangered Species of animals and articles made thereof is regulated under the provisions of the Convention of International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

(vii) A scheme of eco-development has been launched to reduce the biotic pressure on the area and winning over the support of local people to the aspect of wlidlife conservation.

Populaion in Sea-Shore areas of Maharashtra

1084. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FOREST be pleased to state:

(a) whether it has come to the notice of Government that sea-shore of Maharashtra is becoming polluted;

(b) if so, the reaction is Government thereto; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTERY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Yes. Sir. According to the coastal water quality monitoring carried out by the Department of Ocean Developmen water in the sea-shore of the Maharashtra is fairly turbid and has a relatively higher degree of pollutants due to voluminous discharge of untreated sevege through creeks bays and estuary.

(c) Government have already taken steps for prevention and control of pollution of the coastal waters in Maharashtra and these include:

(i) Industries have been directed to provide necessary effluent treatment and disposal arrangements under the provisions of Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. The compliance of consent conditions is checked by the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board from time to time and suitable action is taken against non complying units as per provisions of the Water Act, 1974.

(ii) In case of cluster of chemical industries, effluent collection and disposal arrangements have been provided by Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (M.I.D.C.). Common Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) schemes have been planned for industrial areas in the coastal region of Maharashtra. CETP at Tarapur has already been commissioned.

(iii) Bombay Municipal Corporation (B.M.C) is implementing a sewerage project with the financial assistance of the World Bank. The first phase of this scheme is likely to be completed by 1998.

Centrally aided projects launched in Madhya Pradesh

1985. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the Centrally Aided Projects launched to save environment and forests in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years, year-wise, in each district;

(b) the achievements made in this regard;

(c) the financial assistance provided in each scheme; and

(d) the details of the scheme proposed to be launched in the near future?